90: Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. T. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Trivandrum taluk, Group I*) first spoke about the following needs relating to means of communication :—

(1) Extension of the new road from Petta to Kulathur. The road had been improved and extended to the Ezhava temple in Kadagampalli *pakuthi*. To extend it to Veli *kayal*, only one mile remained to be improved and this should be taken up at an early date. Perhaps the Government would promise to refer the question to the Road Board. That was of no use. The Road Boards did not serve any useful purpose to the people. It only relieved the Government of a part of their responsibility. At least works sanctioned before the formation of the Road Boards should be completed without the intervention of the Boards.

(2) Construction of two bridges one in the Anayara *todu* in Kadagampalli *pakuthi* and another over the channel near Edatharamukku. The proposed bridges would afford very great relief to the people during rainy season.

(3) Conversion into a cart road of the foot-path from near Kusakode temple in the Anchamada *pakuthi* to Thrikkannapuram. The Irrigation Committee appointed during the time of Mr. Raghaviah had recommended this work.

(4) The road starting from the south-eastern gate of the Public Offices and leading to the new Railway station, through Thampanoor should be widened and improved and should be provided with electric lights.

(5) The level of the road from Thaliyal temple in the Iranimuttom *pakuthi*, leading to Singarathoppu *via* Kaladi should be raised, so as to prevent it from being submerged in the Killiyar water during rainy season.

(6) Improvement of the road between Konchiravila in Iranimuttam *pakuthi* and Pallathu *kadavu* by repairing the breaches and providing necessary culverts.

The member next referred to the importance of affording irrigation facilities in the State, for the development of agriculture, especially for the cultivation of paddy, which was the staple food of the people. The Government had not done anything substantial for this, except improving certain tanks here and there. The Minor Irrigation Committee appointed for the purpose was not working properly. The Committee was contemplating the necessity for enhancing taxation. That was quite undesirable. The people were already suffering much and were unable to pay even the existing taxes. Hence any additional imposition of taxes should be discountenanced.

The irrigation channel from the Killiyar river to the Mankottu *Kadavu yela* in Konchiravila, was in disrepair on account of breaches. It should be improved at an early date.

A well should be sunk in the premises of the Kadakampalli *pakuthi* cutcherry, for the use of the poor people inhabiting the neighbouring places.

Similarly a well should be sunk at the Ulloor junction near the 4th mile of the Trivandrum-Quilon road.

The people inhabiting the neighbourhood of the Pulayanarkotta Reserve, were experiencing great hardship for want of grazing grounds. Hence a portion of the reserve should be set apart for the purpose.

The Village Panchayat Regulation, which was passed into law many years ago, was not yet brought into force. It should be done as expeditiously as possible.

There were many defects in the system of realising taxes, and the people were subjected to hardship on this account. Demand notices were sometimes issued to the *Pattadars* and sometimes to the occupants of the property. Further many notices were sent to one and the same person. There should be a rule specifying the time when the tax should be remitted to the *pakuthi* cutcherry and also insisting that the *pakuthi* staff should be present in the office at that time. Many hardships were also caused to the people on account of the inordinate delay in effecting *pokkuvaravu*.

The Trivandrum town was becoming more and more insanitary. The Sanitary Department, for which a large sum was being spent by the Government, was not serving any useful purpose. The drains of Chalai and other places were quite insanitary. Mosquito trouble was increasing day by day, though the Public Health Department and the Municipal Council had appointed an officer for conducting a filarial survey. Elephantiasis had become quite common in the town. The latrines of the town were not properly cleaned. There were not sufficient public latrines in the town. There was no urinal near the motor junction at the Cantonment, where passengers conveyed by more than one hundred buses alighted daily. Hence a latrine should be immediately opened near the Cantonment motor junction.

There was a big market at Tirumala in Poojapura. But this was abolished when a new market was opened at Pangode. However, as a result of a memorial from the people of the locality, the Government had sanctioned a tri-weekly market for the place. This should be converted into a daily market at an early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Pillai. Your representation will receive the consideration of Government.

I want to say a few words with regard to one or two points that you raised. One is about Panchayats. The Peishkars have been made Registrars under the Panchayat Regulation and they have been asked to select a few villages where Village Panchayats could be instituted. They have made some recommendations which are being considered.

In regard to mosquitoes, you said that an officer has been appointed. If you want to get rid of mosquitoes, it is not an officer alone who can do it—it is everybody's work from day to day.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.